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DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF INVENTOR

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In re Application of: Gray A. Golze, Charles D. Mills, Richard C. Wagner, Eduardo Vega, Jr., Brian Deaton and Rajendra K. Krishnaswamy Application No. 10/099,860 Filed: March 15, 2002 Title of Invention: POLYETHYLENE/LOW MOLECULAR WEIGHT HYDROGENATED ALIPHATIC RESIN BLENDS

This is in response to the correspondence filed July 17, 2002, noting the joinder of the inventor.

A petition to allow the other inventor(s) to proceed with the application on behalf of himself or herself and the nonsigning inventor was filed on June 18, 2002; however, before that petition could be acted upon, Petitioner filed the instant correspondence noting joinder of the inventor.

In view of the <u>joinder</u> of the inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is not necessary and the Reconsideration of Petition is considered to be moot. This application does <u>not</u> have any Rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this Office for further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure ("MPEP"), \$ 409.03(j) provides that "[i]n the event the previously nonsigning inventor decides to join the application by filing an executed oath or declaration complying with 37 CFR 1.63, the oath or declaration will be placed in the application file."

Accordingly, the declaration has been entered and made of record. The assignment of inventor Eduardo Vega, Jr. has been forwarded to the assignment branch for entry and recordation.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1713 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0014.

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